

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Philadelphia and Chicago Loom Up as Pennant Winners

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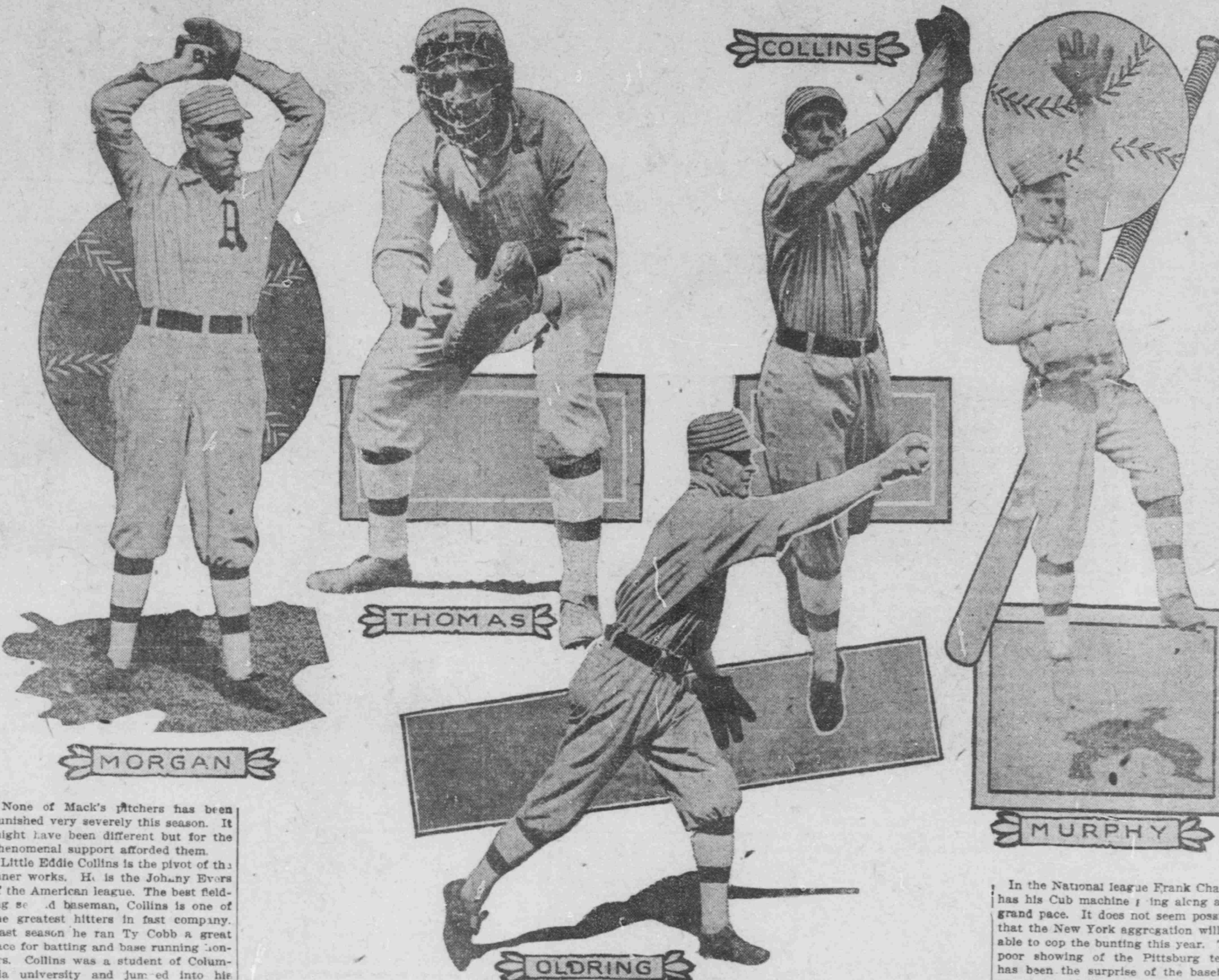
NOW that the baseball teams are nearing the homestretch in the American and National leagues pennant races the two organizations are beginning to shape themselves so as to give the fans a very good idea as to which teams will fight it out for the world's championship this fall. Of course there may be an upset in either league before the final games have been played in the 1910 pennant struggle; but, judging from the class of ball certain clubs have been playing, it appears that picking Philadelphia in the American and Chicago in the National would not be such a bad guess as to the probable outcome of the leaders in the two leagues.

Manager Mack has everything that he needs to pull off the trick and is almost sure that he will do it. He has the best balanced as well as the strongest team in the league this year and has worked his way to the top in the face of some discouraging handicaps in the way of injuries to players. The Detroit team is not as good as it was last year, while the Athletics are better than ever. The Bostonians are good, but not quite the equal of Connie Mack's bunch, and there is nothing in the second division that compares with the leaders.

If the Athletics do win the pennant the team that beats them for the world's title will have to do some stepping.

The team is well fortified offensively and defensively for the development of every character of strength. The infield from first base to third base, is made up of a quartet of stars easily the equal of anything in fast company. The outfield is not the speediest imaginable. But the garden trio makes up in hitting ability whatever may be lacking in the ground covering line. At that, Topsy Hartel, Rube Odorin and Danny Murphy are masters at playing for batters, and are pretty shifty on the base paths.

But on top of all this Connie Mack has the greatest staff of pitchers in either league today. Eddie Plank is one of the greatest scullpaws in the game. Chief Bender, at present indisposed, is this year the equal of any other right hander in the league, while Cy Morgan and Jack Coombs have shown remarkable ability so far. To Coombs falls the honor of rounding out this formidable array of box material. Mack carried the tall boy for a couple of seasons because of his great hitting ability. Besides figuring as a pinch hitter, the pitcher subbed in the outfield. Coombs was bothered with a lame arm for a long time after he joined the Athletics. Toward the end of last season the big fellow rounded into fine condition. He gave such promise that Mack held on to him, and the keen judgment of Connie is well reflected in the gallant performance of Coombs so far this year.



None of Mack's pitchers has been punished very severely this season. It might have been different but for the phenomenal support afforded them. Little Eddie Collins is the pivot of the inner works. He is the Johnny Evers of the American league. The best fielding second baseman, Collins is one of the greatest hitters in fast company. Last season he ran Ty Cobb a great race for batting and base running honors. Collins was a student of Columbia university and jumped into his present berth almost directly from the campus. Collins' aged Clarke Griffith, then manager of the Highlanders, to give him a trial. For some reason the

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Some of Mack's Stars Who Are Burning Up the Diamond

"Old Fox" failed to look the youngest over. Griffith couldn't get Collins now for a fortune.

Scarcely less phenomenal and meteoric has been the career of Third Baseman Baker. As a fielder this fellow stands out as prominently at his position as does Collins at second base. Baker is a heavy hitter and finished base runner, though in both these departments somewhat inferior to Collins. This young gentleman stands a monument to the managerial ability of Connie Mack. In the spring of last year he appeared the biggest front that ever donned spanglers. Yet before the end of the season Mack had converted him into the sensation of the year. Had Baker not been spiked by Ty Cobb near the close of the season it is generally believed that Philadelphia and not Detroit would have played the Pirates for the world's championship last fall.

Harry Davis, first baseman of the leaders, is one of the best known and

most highly respected figures in baseball. He is a veteran of the old school, a man who has been in the game almost as long as any infielder now before the public. Davis is of that type which is fast disappearing before modern developments.

He is a great slugger and holds the long distance hitting records of the league. Davis has knocked the ball over almost every fence in the American league. It was generally believed

in 1908 that Davis had about outlived his usefulness, and there was some talk of Mack releasing him so that he could accept the management of an American league club. But Davis came back last season with all his old snap and vim. This year he is even better than last.

While there is little of the fancy style in his makeup, Davis is a steady, heady and capable fielder. He stands second only to Hal Chase in the American league in fielding the first base position.

World's Series Stars Fall Out by Wayside

Players Who Were Prominent in Big Games Seem to Be Hoodooed

Is it a Jonah to be one of the shining lights in the world's baseball series? The hoodoo that seems to pursue the men who star in the big show would lead one to believe so.

Billy Dineen, who practically pitched Boston to a victory over Pittsburgh, is now an umpire on the American league staff. Most people are willing to take an oath that no greater calamity can befall a man.

Billy Gilbert, whose batting played as prominent a part as Mathewson's pitching in the Giants' victory over Philadelphia in 1905, is no longer a big leaguer. He played his last engagement with St. Louis and is now having his troubles holding up his end in the minors.

George Roche, whose work at third base and particularly at the bat made the Chicago White Sox's victory over the Cubs possible in 1906, has been out of the big league for several years. He has since shifted his affections to first base and is now playing that position for the New Orleans team of the Southern league.

No two Detroit players played better ball in the series of 1907 than Charley O'Leary and Claud Rossman. Before the opening of the series Rossman was regarded as the feeble sister, but his work was superior to that of Frank Chance. O'Leary is now playing utility roles for the Tigers, while Rossman has dropped out of the majors.

Johnny Kling was the big show in

1908, and last year Kling did not play ball. Believing his work during the season and in the series had a great deal to do with the Cubs' success, Kling held out for a fancy increase in salary. He didn't get it and refused to play, thereby losing his big salary.

Coming down to the series of last year, take the two idols of the Pittsburgh team, "Babe" Adams and Hans Wagner. Wagner by his great work in all departments of the game kept the Pirates in the running in every game, while Adams by chieftainly defeating Detroit made it possible for the Pirates to be labeled the world's champions. Adams has been getting his bumps regularly this year, while Wagner has been hitting like the immortal Casey.

FAMOUS ENGLISH PEDESTRIAN.

England has a famous pedestrian who is somewhat of a rival of Edward Weston. It is the octogenarian walker Mark All. His latest effort is to walk 5,000 miles in 90 days. All originally started out in 1900 to walk 100,000 miles in ten years. He finished his task on July 31, 1909. In the September following he was once more on the move, for he intended to keep walking for ten years, and he set himself to cover 10,000 miles in 200 days. He actually did the distance in 196 days, completing the last mile on April 4, 1910. When he finishes his latest 5,000 miles he will have tramped 115,000 miles since August 6, 1900.

How Possible Opponents Size Up With Champion Jack Johnson

	JOHNSON.	KAUFMAN.	BURNS.	LANGFORD.
Height.....	5 feet 7 1/2 inch	5 feet 1 inch	5 feet 7 inches	5 feet 6 1/2 inches
Age.....	32 years	24 years	20 years	30 years
Weight.....	200 pounds	180 pounds	180 pounds	170 pounds
Reach.....	72 1/2 inches	75 inches	74 1/2 inches	72 inches
Neck.....	17 inches	18 inches	18 inches	17 inches
Chest (normal).....	40 1/2 inches	38 1/2 inches	40 inches	44 inches
Chest (expanded).....	47 1/2 inches	41 1/2 inches	44 1/2 inches	46 inches
Waist.....	33 inches	31 1/2 inches	32 inches	33 inches
Calif.....	15 inches	15 1/2 inches	15 1/2 inches	15 inches
Thigh.....	22 1/2 inches	22 1/2 inches	22 1/2 inches	22 1/2 inches
Ankle.....	8 1/2 inches	9 inches	8 1/2 inches	9 inches
Biceps.....	14 1/2 inches	14 1/2 inches	14 1/2 inches	14 inches
Forearm.....	15 inches	15 inches	15 inches	14 inches
Wrist.....	7 1/2 inches	8 inches	7 1/2 inches	8 inches



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HAL CHASE, NEW YORK AMERICANS' SENSATIONAL FIRST SACKER, IN ACTION.

The recent reports circulated by several ball players to the effect that Hal Chase, the sensational first baseman of the New York Americans was sulking because he was not given full credit for the success of his team in this year's pennant race and that he would quit shortly is all tommyrot, say the officials of the New York club. The Highlanders' star was out of many games recently, and this caused the rumors to spread. The real cause for Chase's absence was that he was suffering from a lame back. He is now back at his old stand playing that same game that has characterized his playing since he broke into fast company.

all, McIntire, Ritchie and Pfeister. Not an infield in the league compares with Chance, Evers, Tinker and Steinfeld, and where could one find three better garden men than Hoffman, Sheppard and Schulte? As to the catchers, Archer is about as clever as they make them, and then there is Kling and Neidham as second string men. It looks like the Cubs all the way.

RACING TO BOOM IN CANADA.

Toronto Man to Head Syndicate Which Will Exploit Fortune.

It would seem that Canada, ever the home of the thoroughbred, will be very much on the racing map hereafter. Tentative plans looking to the formation of a second Canadian racing circuit have been formulated, with Toronto the headquarters of the syndicate. According to dispatches just to hand, A. Orpen, the Toronto pool-room king, is back of the enterprise, which, it is said, will expend upward of \$500,000 in three new mile tracks. According to those associated with Orpen, it is the intention to build a new mile track at Toronto, probably on the site of the Duferin Driving park, and in which Orpen holds the controlling interest. Another at Hamilton and a third at Montreal. All three cities boast of half mile courses in addition to the regular mile affairs, and these, it is understood, will be converted into regulation courses.

Associated with Orpen is Joseph A. Murphy, for years a prominent racing official in the middle west. Murphy, when interviewed on the subject, stated that while he was not conversant with the intricate details of the enterprise, he was sufficiently apprised of the facts to warrant the belief that the expectations of the promoters would be realized. Murphy further intimated that the project met with the approval of the Canadian Racing associations, the governing body in things turf over 'ome.

"Under such an arrangement," said Murphy, "Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal would then have fourteen days racing both spring and fall. Under the recently enacted Miller bill there can only be seven days of racing at any one track, spring and fall, but the tracks each, of course, are not limited; hence you see the new circuit would be protected. While nothing of an official nature has come to my notice, I have been led to believe that the formation of a 'second circuit' meets with the approval of the Canadian Racing association and will receive its hearty cooperation."

THINKS THE CARDS WERE STACKED.

President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh club is of the opinion that the deck was stacked against him in the deal whereby the Cincinnati Reds secured Pitcher Benton from the Macon (Ga.) club. Pittsburgh offered \$7,000 for the player, and an hour and a half later the Reds offered the same price. The Macon management wired Garry Herrmann that his bid was \$250 too low, and when this raise was called Macon sold to the Reds. This action was taken by the Macon management after it had been announced that bids for Benton would close at a certain time. When this time arrived the Cincinnati bid had not been received.

BEST CHANCE AWAY FROM HOME

It is not always the best thing for a young ball player to get his first trial in fast company at home. If things break well for him all well and good, but should he have a few poor days he is sure to come in for his share of roasts, under which he may give way entirely. This is particularly true if the player has been heralded as a star.



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PITCHER MADDOX, PIRATES' YOUNGSTER, WHO SEEMS TO HAVE LOST FORM.

What's the matter with Nick Maddox, the clever young twirler of the Pittsburgh Nationals? This is the question that many Pirate fans are asking this season. Last year and the one before Nick was considered to be one of the best young twirlers in the senior organization. But this season his arm seems to be in such poor condition that Manager Clarke uses him only occasionally. With Maddox in good shape he would be a great aid to the Pirates.